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REMARKS

Claims 29-31 are cancelled by way of this amendment. Claims 1-28 and 32 are currently pending. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Replacement drawings

The Examiner has requested that new drawings be included in this application due to incomplete legends in Figures 1, 2, 20, 24, 29, 30 and 32. Applicant has provided, with this response, a set of Replacement Drawings pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.21 (d), which have been amended to add legends as requested by the Examiner. Acceptance of these Figures is hereby respectfully requested.

The Examiner's request has caused Applicant to review the figures. Upon review, Applicant noticed that the following reference numerals appeared in the original figures though they were not required for understanding the respective drawings and, hence, were not referenced in the specification. The redundant reference numerals listed below are deleted in the replacement drawings.

FIG. 6:	550A
FIG. 8:	824-A, 824-B, 828-A, 828-B, 830-A, 830-B
FIG. 11:	1120, 1180
FIG. 16:	1620
FIG. 17:	1730
FIG. 20:	914
FIG. 21:	2110, 2140
FIG. 23:	2314

FIG. 24: 2437, 2439, 2441, 2472, 2474
FIG. 25: 2510, 2522, 2542, 2580
FIG. 32: 3222, 3232, 3234
FIG. 33: 3334
FIG. 34: 3438, 3450

Applicant has also corrected Figures 11, 16 and 17 as follows. In Figure 11, the detailed description clearly states: "FIG. 11 shows control components of a master controller 240". However, reference numeral 240 was incorrectly shown as 1140 in FIG. 11. The error has been corrected in the replacement drawings.

The description of FIG. 16 and FIG. 17 clearly refers to 'master controller 240'. In FIGS. 16 and 17, the master controller is incorrectly referenced as 840. This error has been corrected in the replacement drawings.

Applicant notes that no new matter was added by the above changes to the figures.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 and 103

Claims 29 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Handelman (US Pub. 2003/0043430). Claim 31 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Handelman. In order to expedite allowance of this application, and not by way of agreement with the characterization of Applicants' claim in view of the prior art, claims 29-31 are cancelled by way of amendment. Accordingly it is submitted that these rejections are moot and should be withdrawn.

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Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-28 and 32 are allowable. Applicant has made a diligent effort to place the application in condition for allowance and a notice of allowance is hereby respectfully requested. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Lindsay G. McGuinness, Applicant's Attorney at 978-264-6664 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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